(b) and (c) Based on the announcement made by innovator, Merck USA, on withdrawal of Rofecoxib worldwide on 30th September, 2004, following clinical trial results, which showed an increase risk of confirmed serious events (including myocardial infraction and stroke) compared to placebo, following long-term use, and based on available published literature, expert group in India recommended withdrawal of Rofecoxib formulations.

(d) The names of the major companies who were manufacturing this medicine are: M/s. Ranbaxy Lab., Unichem, Lupin, Torrent Pharma, Sun Pharma, Micro Lab., Dr. Reddy's Lab. etc.

(e) and (f) Notification with regard to ban of Rofecoxib formulations under section 26A of Drug and Cosmetic Act is under process. Only after publication of said notification the drug stands banned. In the meanwhile a Press Note has been issued to widely publicize this.

Changes in the Mental Health Policy

276. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of bringing drastic changes in the Mental Health Policy of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) machinery created for implementation of the above policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to change the present strategy which is to diagnose the mentally ill patients at the early stage and treat them through the general health delivery system.

Drinking water facility at hospitals in Delhi

277. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hospitals in Delhi do not have proper drinking water facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In the Central Government Hospitals like Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals are concerned, arrangements for proper drinking water facility are available.

Construction of rail lines in Uttaranchal

†278. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that initial survey has been conducted in Uttaranchal for the construction of a number of rail lines during the last 25 years;

(b) if so, the details of the names of proposed rail lines alongwith the year of survey;

(c) whether some of the above said lines are proposed to be constructed during the current Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for neglecting the development of Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The details of surveys completed for new lines in Uttaranchal in last 25 years are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Survey	Year of Survey
1.	Tanakpur Ghat-Bageshwar	1992
2.	Ramnagar-Chaukhutia	1994
3.	Kichha-Khatima	1999

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.